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Applicant: M. Keith Sharp

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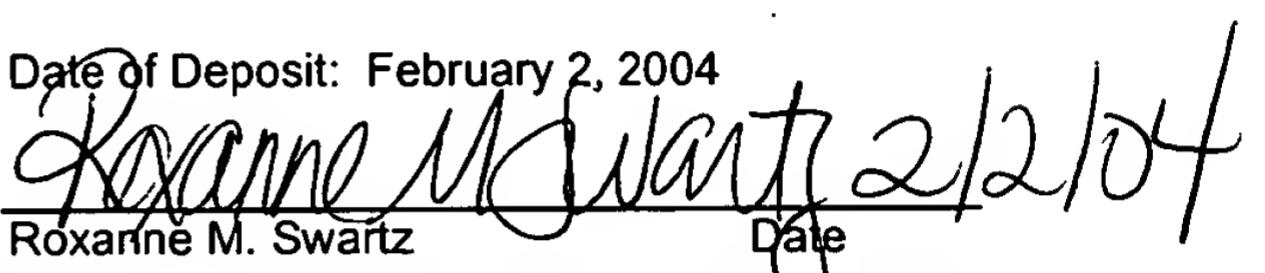
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PETITION TO CHANGE LARGE ENTITY STATUS TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions to change the status, of the above-referenced application, from large entity status to small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.28.

Applicant inadvertently did not check the box on the Utility Transmittal claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Applicant also hereby requests reimbursement to Deposit Account No. 19-3140, in the amount of \$640.00 under 37 CFR § 1.28, as Applicant is now claiming small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Petition to Change Large Entity Status to Small Entity Status of M. Keith Sharp in the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed are:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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